

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4 ADRIAN SCHOOLCRAFT,
5 Plaintiff,

6 Case No:
7 - against - 10 CV 06005

8 THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ET AL.,
9 Defendants.

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11 111 Broadway
12 New York, New York

13 May 12, 2014
14 10:11 a.m.

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16 DEPOSITION OF SHANTEL JAMES, pursuant to
17 Notice, taken at the above place, date and
18 time, before DENISE ZIVKU, a Notary Public
19 within and for the State of New York.
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5 Q. That Exhibit 123 is a three-page
6 document. This too came from the chart or
7 the file regarding Schoolcraft?

8 MR. OSTERMAN: I am going to put
9 on the record that I object for the use
10 or anything beyond refreshing the
11 witness' recollection of events that
12 might have taken place. She didn't
13 author it, she's never seen it, she was
14 not part of the creation of this
15 document.

16 MR. LEE: I join.

17 MR. KOSTER: I do too.

18 Q. Have you ever seen this document
19 before?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Why don't you read it?

22 A. Thirty-four year old single --

23 Q. No, no, you can read it to
24 yourself. Does reviewing or reading
25 Exhibit 123 refresh your recollection of any

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2 discussion that you ever had with anybody at
3 Jamaica Hospital about Officer Schoolcraft?

4 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

5 Objection. You can answer.

6 A. No, it does not.

7 Q. Did you tell anybody at Jamaica
8 Hospital that Schoolcraft had barricaded
9 himself into his apartment?

10 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

11 Objection. You can answer.

12 A. No, I did not.

13 Q. Did you tell anybody at Jamaica
14 Hospital that Officer Schoolcraft ran away
15 from emergency medical technician ambulance?

16 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

17 Objection.

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you tell anybody at Jamaica
20 Hospital that Officer Schoolcraft had been
21 evaluated by an NYPD psychologist or
22 psychiatrist?

23 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

24 Objection.

25 A. No.

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2 Q. Did you tell anybody at Jamaica
3 Hospital that Adrian Schoolcraft had his gun
4 removed?

5 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

6 Objection.

7 MR. OSTERMAN: Objection.

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you tell anybody at Jamaica
10 Hospital earlier that day that Officer
11 Schoolcraft had cursed his supervisor?

12 MR. OSTERMAN: Objection.

13 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

14 Objection.

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you tell anybody at Jamaica
17 Hospital that Officer Schoolcraft had become
18 or was agitated, uncooperative and/or
19 verbally abusive?

20 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

21 Objection.

22 MR. OSTERMAN: Objection.

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did you tell anybody at Jamaica
25 Hospital that Adrian Schoolcraft's door had

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2 to be broken into?

3 A. No.

4 MR. OSTERMAN: Objection.

5 Q. Did you tell anybody at Jamaica
6 Hospital that Adrian Schoolcraft had to be
7 chased and brought to the medical ER
8 handcuffed?

9 MR. OSTERMAN: Objection.

10 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

11 Objection.

12 A. No, I did not.

13 Q. See on the second page of the
14 document that I have showed you, the top of
15 the paragraph beginning with the sentence,
16 as per Sergeant James?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did you have any understanding
19 or knowledge today as to why anybody would
20 be attributing any statements to you
21 regarding Schoolcraft?

22 MR. OSTERMAN: Objection.

23 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

24 Objection.

25 A. No, I don't and I never had any

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2 conversation with anyone in regard to this
3 matter, because I was not privy to that
4 information. I knew none of this. So there
5 is no way I had a conversation with anyone
6 with regard to the medical status or him
7 being evaluated or his weapon being removed.
8 I had no knowledge of this. So there is no
9 way that I told anyone at the hospital this
10 information.

11 Q. And if anybody had asked you any
12 information about Officer Schoolcraft, you
13 would have told them you don't know, right?

14 MR. OSTERMAN: Objection.

15 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

16 Objection.

17 MR. KRETZ: Objection.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Have you ever had any
20 discussions with Lieutenant Bouchard about
21 Officer Schoolcraft other than the one
22 conversation that you testified earlier
23 about?

24 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

25 Objection. You could answer.

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2 A. No.

3 Q. Sitting here today, can you
4 recall any conversation that you and
5 Sadowsky had about Schoolcraft or what
6 happened at the hospital that day?

7 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

8 Objection.

9 A. I don't recall.

10 Q. You don't recall any
11 conversations?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you have any recollection of
14 speaking with the XO of the 81st Precinct
15 about Schoolcraft?

16 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

17 Objection.

18 A. The XO being the name that you
19 mentioned --

20 Q. At the time --

21 MR. SMITH: Let me rephrase the
22 question.

23 Q. Theodore Lauterborn was the
24 executive officer of the 81st Precinct on
25 the day of this incident.

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2 A. Okay.

3 Q. And he testified that he
4 remembers getting a phone call from you
5 sometime during that period of time that you
6 were there and --

7 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM: I object
8 to the characterization of that
9 witness' testimony.

10 Q. Okay, and you don't have to
11 accept what I'm saying is true or not. But
12 my question to you is does hearing me say
13 these things to you trigger a recollection
14 on your part that you did speak with Ted or
15 Theodore Lauterborn or the executive officer
16 of the 81 about Schoolcraft sometime during
17 the time that you were at the hospital?

18 MS. PUBLICKER METTHAM:

19 Objection.

20 A. I don't believe so because I
21 would have made a notation in my memo book
22 as I did with Lieutenant Anderson and
23 Sergeant Mc Warren. I guess it's possible,
24 but I don't even know who he is, Theodore
25 Lauterborn. I guess it's possible.